

NAZIS BEGIN DRIVE ON PARIS

Our Daily Bread

Sliced Thin by The Editor

ALEX. H. WASHBURN

Talk Now — Work Later

War alarm spreading to this country because of Germany's quick advance in Europe is having a temporary effect on American business, principally in the capital goods where payment is stretched over a year or more. Buyers, wondering where they themselves will be a year from now, are hesitant. But their fear is groundless, and will pass away. America isn't going to war. The one thing the common people of this country are virtually unanimous on is, that they don't want war — and in America it is the people, not their rulers, who decide.

Hempstead's Red Cross Donations Continue Strong

Contributions Wednesday Bring Total to \$805.11

DRIVE CONTINUES

Soil Conservation Service Goes 100 Per Cent

Hempstead County's Red Cross drive for European war refugees continued to pour in Wednesday when \$58.55 was reported by Mrs. Kline Snyder, county chairman, bringing the grand total to \$805.11.

Employees of the Soil Conservation Service donated 100 per cent. Mrs. Snyder announced that persons wishing to donate and not able to do so, may call Mrs. M. M. McClellan, and the donation will be called for.

Donations follow:

Previously reported	\$746.56
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Cobb	1.00
Mrs. Dolf Carrigan	1.00
W. S. Atkins	1.00
Mrs. T. R. Billingsley	.25
Xanthippe Porter	1.00
William C. Page	2.00
James H. Arnold	1.00
Elizabeth Bridwell	4.00
Margaret Waddle	1.00
Frances Eason	1.00
Burford Poe	2.00
Daniel Denington	1.00
Emerson E. Hall	1.00
Fred I. Morse	1.00
Wm. G. Johnson	2.00
Ralph Henderson	2.00
Owen E. Gall	2.00
Luther Gordon	2.00
Jack Pritchett	1.00
George Byrd	1.00
Claude Price	2.00
William Garman	2.00
Howard Hankins	1.00
H. W. Hatcher	1.00
Carl Polk	.50
Robert Cooper	.50
Willie Lee Criner	.50
Hamp Rufus	.50
Will Dixon	.50
Boots Turner	.50
Jack Smith	.50
Minor Tolk	.50
G. A. White	.25
Cleve Scott	.25
Oscar Lee Criner	.25
Jim Muldrow	.25
C. P. Stagers	.25
Hudie Smith	.25
Lonnie Richardson	.10
Will Clemens	.25
Wilchie Pennington	.25
T. S. Oliver	.10
Emead Rufus	.25
John Marshall	.10
B. A. Quillian	.50
John Muldrow	.25
Edith Stuart	.25
Lemon Scott	.25
Alfred Richardson	.50
Burdett Hood	.50
Ed Heine	.50
Bill Richardson	.50
T. J. Johnston	.50
J. T. Oiler	.50

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CRANIUM CRACKERS

How Did U. S. Grow?

If you know your United States history you should be able to answer all of the following questions, which have to do with territorial acquisitions. Fill in the blanks.

1. The total area gained by annexation of Texas included parts of _____, Oklahoma, Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado.
2. Alaska was ceded to the United States by _____ for \$7,200,000.
3. The Florida purchase was made from _____.
4. The Louisiana Purchase was completed in _____ for \$.
5. The Republic of Hawaii was formally annexed in _____.

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Mayor Atkins Is Present at Council Meeting Tuesday

Health Will Not Permit Him to Take Active Part

SUBMIT REPORTS

Much Time Devoted to Municipal Plant Matters

Mayor W. S. Atkins met with the Hope city council Tuesday night for the first time in many months. His health would not permit him to take an active part, and he retired after staying about 30 minutes.

Fire Chief Tom Bryant and Chief of Police S. W. Copeland submitted reports to the council on fire and police activities during the month of May.

The council hired Leo Compton to succeed Elmer Brown, who resigned June 1, in the police department, at the same salary Brown received.

A motion was made and passed permitting Joe T. Riddle to place a hamburger stand on Front street between Main and Walnut near Reece's Market.

A resolution was passed approving an ordinance to be built in Hope at some point on the Missouri Pacific railroad.

The council deferred action on a proposed ordinance to prohibit beer parlors from having any booths, or partitions.

Handbill Ordinance. An ordinance was discussed and passed to prohibit the distribution of handbills, posters, dodgers, pamphlets or any other kind of free printed material without permission of the police chief.

Willis Smith was granted permission to "erect rights" at his home, for playing tennis at night. This project will be under the supervision of the Water & Light plant superintendent and a low rate will be charged until his investment is returned.

A motion was made and approved authorizing the water & light plant to extend a water main 475 feet on the Spring Hill road with the cost not to exceed \$314.

The council referred to the water & light plant with power to act a motion made to purchase a Henzey Deconstrutor for the plant.

The water & light plant was authorized to purchase a portable power self priming pump with the cost not to exceed \$270.

The water & light committee was authorized to make an expenditure not to exceed \$650, to improve the white way system.

Propose New Well. A motion was made that C. O. Thomas be authorized to investigate the matter of drilling another water well, to ascertain the cost by advertising for bids and to submit the figures.

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A Prayerful Prospect

ST. JOSEPH, Mo. —(P)—Dekalb county's near oil test has been started with a prayer. A group of people of Greek extraction, financially interested in it, brought a minister from Kansas City to anoint the well with holy water and pray. Then they sprinkled flowers on the ground.

To Be No Transfer of American Land

Congress Committees Oppose Foreign Land Trades

WASHINGTON —(P)—A resolution recording congress as opposed to the transfer of any region of this hemisphere from one non-American nation to another was approved swiftly Wednesday by the foreign relations committees of both the senate and house.

Temperance Group to Give Program

Meet at Bluff Springs Saturday June 15

The Youth Temperance Council of Hope, a community, will present a temperance program at Bluff Springs Baptist church, Nevada county, Saturday, June 15, at 8 p. m.

The program consists of: Excerpts, readings, quotations, some of which shall be acted very briefly; to stress upon the minds of the boys and girls, men and women; the offensiveness, the shame, disgrace and ruin; the exists under the "repeal law."

Everyone is invited to attend this program.

Vote Increase in Debt; Raise Taxes

House Committee Favors New Limit of 49 Billions

WASHINGTON —(P)—The extraordinary defense tax bill was boosted to around \$1,000,000,000 a year Tuesday while the administration pressed its arms program.

The tax measure, originally intended to raise about \$656,000,000 a year, was revised by the House Ways and Means Committee in view of recent additions to the defense program.

The committee approved a plan to raise the national debt limit from \$45,000,000,000 to \$49,000,000,000. The new ceiling would be \$1,000,000,000 higher than has been contemplated up to now.

Informed legislators predicted congress would lower exemptions on this year's taxable incomes to reach workers whose salaries are not now taxed. Likewise, it was said those who are

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French Fleet, Unheralded But Tough, Ready to Blast Italians

Exceeded Only by Navies of Britain, U. S. and Japanese

And French Have Two of Finest Fighters Afloat

SPEED AND POWER

Overshadowed by British, French Fleet Is Strong

By MILTON BRONER
NEA Service Correspondent

LONDON —(P)—Mussolini takes Italy into the war, there is a big red in pickle for him, and its name is the French navy.

So much is printed about the strength of the British navy and the French army that the ordinary reader is likely to forget that the French also have a formidable navy. In fact, it is fourth in the world, exceeded only by the American, British, and Japanese fleets.

On paper the fleets of France and Italy seem nearly equal: 8 French battleships against 6 Italian; 7 heavy French cruisers against 7; 12 French light cruisers against 15; 63 French destroyers against 62; 80 French submarines against 87.

French Emphasize Speed, Gun Power. But there is something more to it than mere numbers. There is the matter of speed and gun power.

Two of the finest vessels afloat are in the French navy—the battleships Dunkerque and Strasbourg. They were completed in 1937 and 1938, respectively, and were the French answer to the much-vanted Nazi pocket battleships. They were created to outrun and outgun those celebrated ships.

They are each of 26,500 tons and mount eight 13-inch guns and 16 5.1-inch guns. Their turbine engines have a total of 100,000 horsepower and propel the vessels at 30 knots per hour.

Moreover, the French have just added a new battleship to their forces—the Richelieu—and before the end of the year hope to add her sister vessel, the Jean Bart.

Next year two more of the same class, the Clemenceau and the Gasconne, will probably be ready. These vessels completing or under construction are armed with eight 15-inch guns and 16 5.1-inch guns.

M. Champinchi, French minister of marine, has said that the number of vessels completing or under construction is well over 100, including two 18,000-ton aircraft carriers, three 8,000-ton cruisers, 23 destroyers and torpedo boats and 23 submarines.

The new French destroyers already in service are among the most formidable ever built. They all approach 3000 tons and carry eight 5.5-inch guns. One of them recently attained a speed of 45 knots per hour, the highest ever reached by a boat of this class.

20-mile Range for Big Guns. The French have always been famous for their artillery. The 13-inch guns on the Dunkerque and Strasbourg have a range of about 20 miles and can fire three 1200-pound shells every minute. The 5.1-inch guns on these ships have a range of 11,000 yards and can be used either against enemy ships or airplanes. The newer destroyers, armed with the 5.5-inch guns, have extraordinary fire power for such small ships. These guns are claimed to have a range of 25,000 yards and can fire 16 rounds per minute.

Like the British navy, the French has already done an enormous amount of war work. It has escorted the transport of many army divisions from the

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Marriage Licenses

The following marriage licenses have been issued by County Clerk Frank Hill at the New Hempstead County Courthouse.

White
Rodney Herring, 18, of Bodcaw to Miss Joyce Marlor, 18, of Rosston.

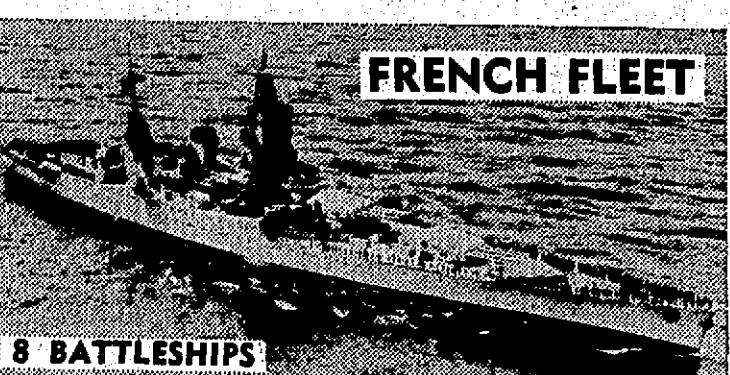
Colored
Joe Cooper, 45, to Rosie Belle Smith, 43, both of McNab.

B. J. Jinks, 22, to Minnie Jinks, 20, both of Emmet.

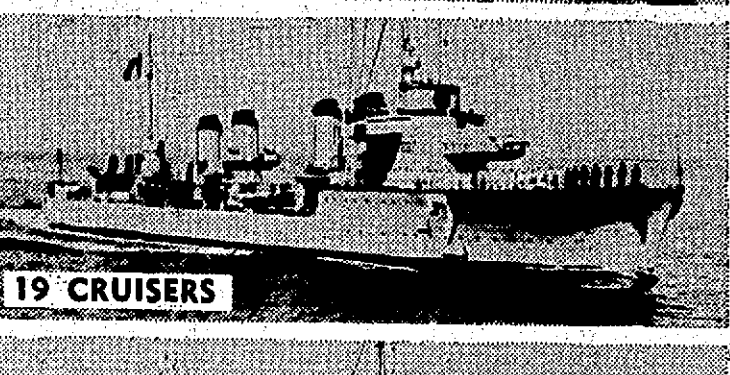
Lewis C. Moss, 21, to Margaret Dunlap, 20, both of Hope.

Siannond Duffie, Jr., 21, to Idella Bookes, 18, both of Washington.

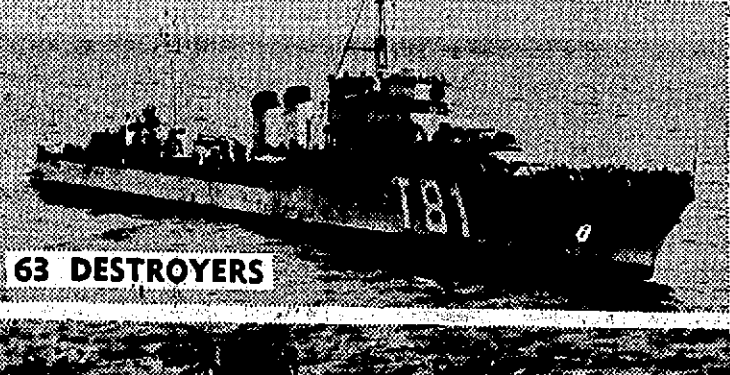
Jessie Hill, 64, to Susie Williams, 65, both of Hope.



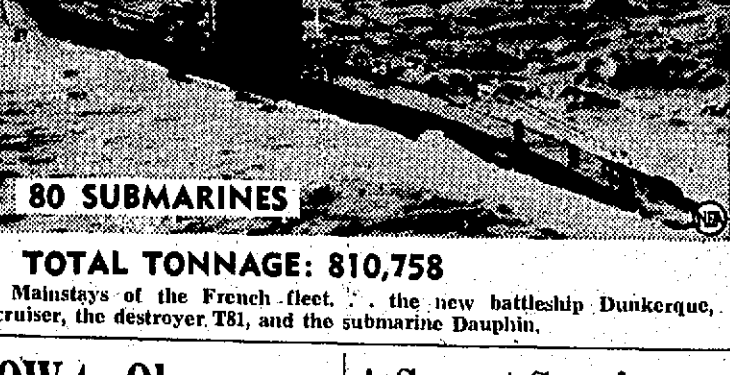
FRENCH FLEET



19 CRUISERS



63 DESTROYERS



80 SUBMARINES

TOTAL TONNAGE: 810,758
Mainstays of the French fleet, the new battleship Dunkerque, a cruiser, the destroyer T81, and the submarine Dauphin.

WOW to Observe 50th Anniversary

Arrangements and Program Are Completed Tuesday

At a meeting held Tuesday night Bois d'Arc Camp, Woodmen of the World, and Poplar Grove, Woodmen Circle, completed arrangements for their Golden Jubilee in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the founding of the order, according to an announcement by Clerk John W. Ridgill.

The celebration will be participated in jointly by the Woodmen and Woodmen Circle, and will be held at Fair park, beginning at 7:45. State and local officials will appear on the program, among the local speakers being Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Albert Graves, L. F. Higginson, and Mrs. Eva D. Taylor, district deputy of the Woodmen Circle. Representatives from lodges in towns throughout southwest Arkansas will be present.

Following in the program: Invocation, Noel L. Cross. Singing of "America." Pledge of Allegiance to Flag, by members of both lodges. Music by Hope String Band. Congratulations to the Society, L. F. Higginson.

Greetings from Woodmen Circle, Mrs. Eva D. Taylor, district deputy. Greetings to candidates of Golden Anniversary campaign, Ray Turner, consul commander local camp. The Study of the Woodmen of the World, Albert Graves. History of Local Camp, John W. Ridgill, clerk. Refreshments.

Henry Haynes Will Leave on Buying Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haynes will leave Hope Thursday morning for New York City, where Mr. Haynes will buy new merchandise for Haynes Brothers Department store. They will return in about two weeks.

Washington, D. C., the city without a state, has a greater population than Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Vermont, or Wyoming.

A Secret Service Guest of Kiwanis

Neil Shannon Demonstrates Counterfeiting Films

Neil Shannon, special representative of the U. S. Secret Service, demonstrated to the Kiwanis club Wednesday pictures on ways to identify counterfeit money.

Mr. Shannon stated that Arkansas and other Southern states had less counterfeiting than Eastern states. "Most of the trouble in Arkansas," he continued, "is caused by government checks."

J. W. Franks, S. W. Copeland of Hope and Aubrey McCasland, of Little Rock were guests of the club.

Cornelius Makes a \$100,000 Sale

Fulton Man Executes Big Deal in McKame Field

STAMPS—Leasing in the area where the Atlantic Oil Co. expects to bring in a new field opens the coming week-end reached a new high Tuesday when R. R. Cornelius, stockman and planter of McKame and Fulton, leased extensive acreage to the Normandie Oil company for approximately \$100,000. Mr. Cornelius previously had leased and sold royalties on other acreage.

Several other large lease and royalty deals were reported but not announced. It also was reported that major companies were planning to buy lots and empty buildings near the railroad in Stamps for use as supply quarters.

The test, the Bodcaw Lumber Co. No. 1, in section 29-17-23, is eight miles south of Stamps. Operators completed running production pipe to the bottom Tuesday night. A Schumber test showed excellent saturation from 9,123 to 9,221 feet. A production test is expected Saturday or Sunday.

The Pampean Macraychenia, an animal which once lived in South America, had a trunk like an elephant's and a body like a camel's.

200-Mile Line in France Becomes a Vast Battlefield

Hitler Orders Great Advance at Dawn Wednesday

2 MILLION FIGHT Not Even a Breathing Spell After Channel Conquest

BERLIN —(P)—Adolf Hitler, at dawn Wednesday sent his armies of the west plunging against France on the Somme-Aisne line to teach an "historic lesson" to the Allies, as the Fuehrer said, and speed "the bloom of a new and better world."

This second phase of Germany's "total war" in the west transformed the 200-mile section of northern France from the Channel coast to the shattered junction of the Maginot line with its northern extension into one great field of raging combat.

"Hitler" Wednesday proclaimed "boundless" confidence in the German armed forces, and asserted German victory would answer in confidence the "plutocratic rulers of England and France" who, the Fuehrer said, have pledged each other to avoid with all means the bloom of a new and better world.

On Broad Front. Meanwhile, authorized Germans said the German army's right wing was advancing to the "broadest front" southward, westward along the English Channel coast toward Le Harve and Rodez, and on the Somme-Aisne front with the exception of a few points where "they may fall back to more favorable positions."

This operation "will be nothing to worry about," the same source said.

Paris Schools Closed. PARIS —(P)—It was officially announced Wednesday night Paris primary schools would be closed because children were killed in Monday's bombing of the city. The schools will be closed beginning Saturday.

2 Million Soldiers. PARIS —(P)—Nearly two million men engaged Wednesday night in the great new battle of the Somme, with German divisions pressing a massive offensive toward the lower Seine and Paris.

Without so much as a breathing spell from their conquest of the north the Germans struck at dawn.

Dive bombers and heavy artillery smashed into the massed French infantry along the 125 miles of the new Somme-Aisne line, especially in the rectangle formed by the French cities of Laferre, Laon, Anizy, Chateau and Chaumy.

The French stand virtually alone on this line. Allies sources say effective help cannot be forthcoming from Britain until British industry can replace the vast stores of supplies and war equipment lost in the Flanders defeat.

Soon after the thunder of dive bombers and German artillery reached a crescendo, German infantry swarmed into the attack, charging in great waves.

Armored "panzer" columns waited for openings in the French lines to start their characteristic lightning dashes behind the French front.

Toward nightfall the battle was raging with increasing violence.

Hope for Russia. LONDON —(P)—Soviet Russian circles in London declared Wednesday the Allies' interests in the Black sea and the eastern Mediterranean parallel Russia's but they emphasized Russian determination to remain neutral in the European war.

A British source intimated the Hope that Russian interests in the Near East, and improvement of British-Russian relations, might have a deterrent effect on any Italian play to enter the war.

Hitler's Boast. BERLIN —(P)—Adolf Hitler, in a special message from his western headquarters broadcast Tuesday night on the German radio, was declared to have "sworn to carry through the war to the final and complete annihilation of all Allied forces."

This message was broadcast to the German people after many minutes of martial music over the Berlin radio. It said "inasmuch as the enemy still

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Americans consume about five tons of rattlesnake meat annually.

COTTON

NEW YORK —(P)—October cotton opened 8.54, closed 8.50. Middling spot 10.18.



The war of the future becomes the war of the present as Death takes a high-powered wings over Europe. The signal to start bombing of cities came suddenly when Hitler's armies scattered Paris with explosives and Allied planes retaliated with raids on Germany and German-held cities. Today's War Map shows where the war of the air struck the two sides.

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Political Announcements

The Star is authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the action of the Hempstead County Democratic primary election, Tuesday August 13th.

For Congress
OREN HARRIS

For County Judge
FRED A. LUCK
JOHN L. WILSON
LUTHER F. HIGGASON

For County Treasurer
NEWT PENTECOST
MRS. GLADINE B. MORRIS
CHARLES F. REYNOLSON

For Circuit Clerk
CECIL WEAVER
J. P. (Pinkie) BYERS
ELMER BROWN

For Representative
No. 1
TALBOT FEILD, JR.
No. 2
JIM BEARDEN

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the Columns of The Star of Hope

June 5, 1920

I. J. Rephan, of England, Ark., who is associated in business with his brother, Ed I. Rephan, in the New York Bargain Store, was here yesterday.

Claude R. McCorkle, of Texarkana, was in this city yesterday, the guest of his mother, Mrs. L. C. McCorkle, on South Pine street.

Walker Wilson, of Nashville, was here for a short time this morning, en route to Texarkana.

Doyle Wilson, formerly of Little Rock, has accepted a position with Jno. H. & J. B. Greene of this city.

Matthew Thomas returned yesterday to Jonesboro after having spent the week-end with relatives and friends in this city.

Mrs. George Brannan left Saturday for a visit to Hot Springs.

Miss Mary Carter and Miss Annie Smith went to Rison yesterday for a vacation visit.

When Bills Come In—That's When Romance Is Proven

Almost anyone can be romantic at the beginning of marriage, but this first wind of easy romance generally gives out as bills come in, dust and drudgery gather, and the business of daily living cannot longer be made

with equal weapons is still a good boy as lives on this earth.

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GUARANTEED SHOE REPAIR work; only high quality leathers and materials used. Skilled workmen. Prices reasonable. Master's Shoe Shop. 123 Cotton Court. M8-1m

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NEW ROOF? PAINT? PAPER? LET us show you how you can have any repair work done, and pay for both labor and materials in small monthly payments. Hempstead Co. Lumber Co. 14-1mc

2 CHILDREN OR 1 ADULT PASS TO Pines Swimming Pool with each wash and Grease job. Wylie's Mobil Service Station. M13-1mc

MIKE SNYKER, NOW IN CHARGE Community Ice Co. offers Ice, Drinks and Candies. Community Co. 4-6tp

SPECIAL PRICES. ANY PIANO work, overhauls. Guaranteed moth control. Expert tuning. One week only, starting Monday, June 10. Phone 36. W. A. J. Mills for B. R. Young of Shreveport. 5-6tp

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GENERAL AUTO REPAIR. USED tires and Tubes, East Texas Motor Freight. Willis Gulf Service, Phone 50 door to Barlow Hotel. 30-6tc

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TIRES—TUBES—BATTERIES—Unbelievable low prices. 6 month guarantee. Ted's Tire and Battery Shop. 3rd and Walnut. 30-6tp

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2 ROOM UNFURNISHED APARTMENT. Mrs. Dan Bowden, 815 West Avenue. 3-3tp

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MARKET REPORT

Heavy Hens 11c lb.
Leghorns 9c lb.
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Ducks 20c - 25c each
Geese 50c - 60c each
Submitted courtesy McFay Mill & Feed Co., Hope.

Small Distinctions

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — (AP) — Monsieur Huguenin of the village of Tour-de-Peilz belongs to that fraternity whose mania is constructing the "world's-smallest-this-or-that."

M. Huguenin, whose specialty is electrical engines, is busily competing with himself.

Last year he exhibited an electrical motor weighing sixteen grams (564 ounce avoirdupois) housed in a match box. It was exhibited at the World's National Exposition, billed as the world's smallest electrical engine—and there were no challengers.

This year M. Huguenin has constructed an electrical motor weighing only six grams (212 ounce avoirdupois) which has placed inside a pearl lent by a jeweler. He says that given time (he's only 45 now) he may do even better than that.

Comic strips produced by American artists appear in 32 foreign languages and in papers of most of the nations of the world.

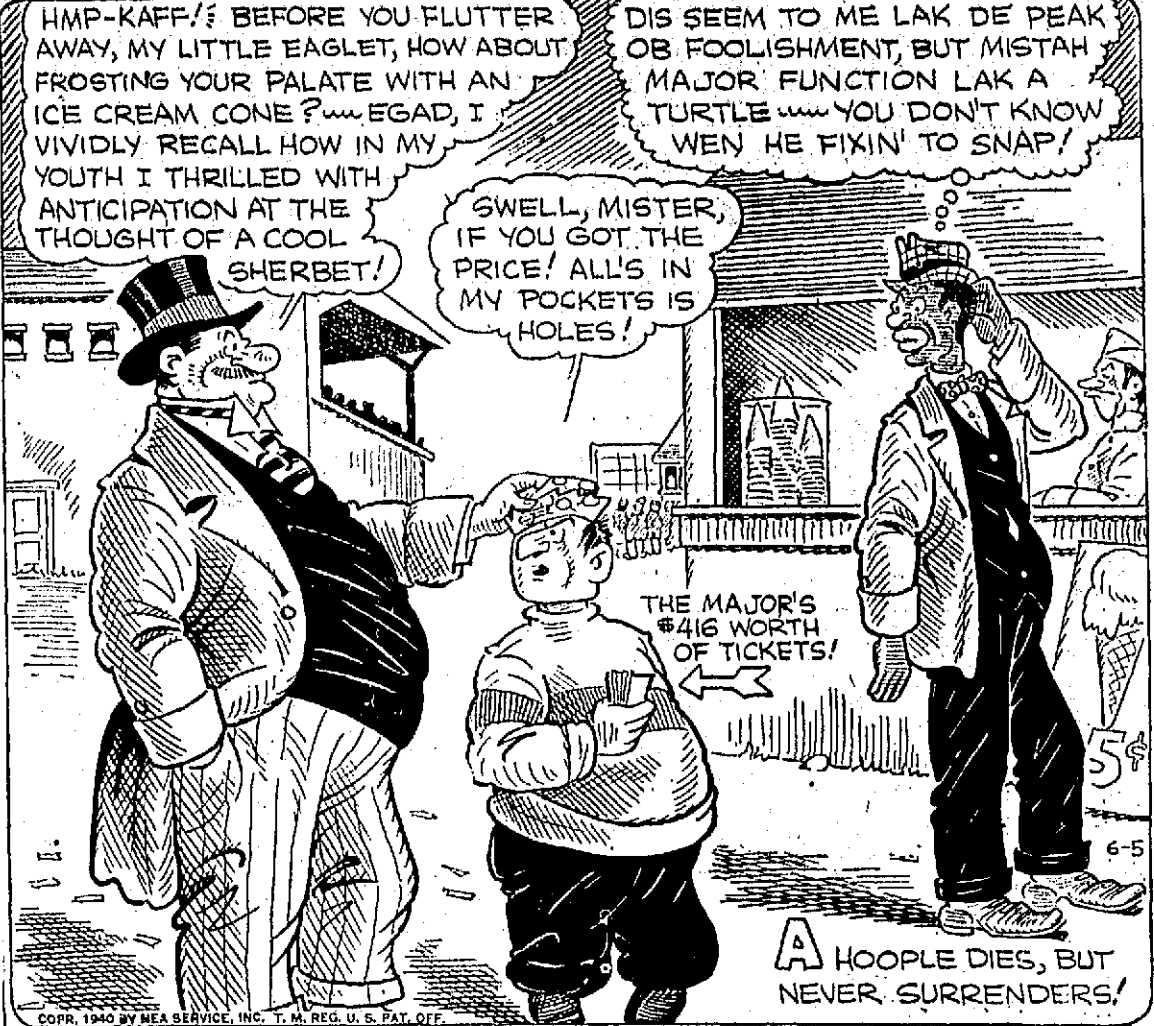
Good Health Street

MORELIA, Mexico — (AP) — There is a legend that says Carreras Street in this city possesses mysterious powers of health. It is based upon the circumstance that many of the dwellers lived to advanced age. During epidemics many persons have fled to the street for immunity.

During the first World war, it was necessary to conserve steel, so steamers hulls of concrete were introduced.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

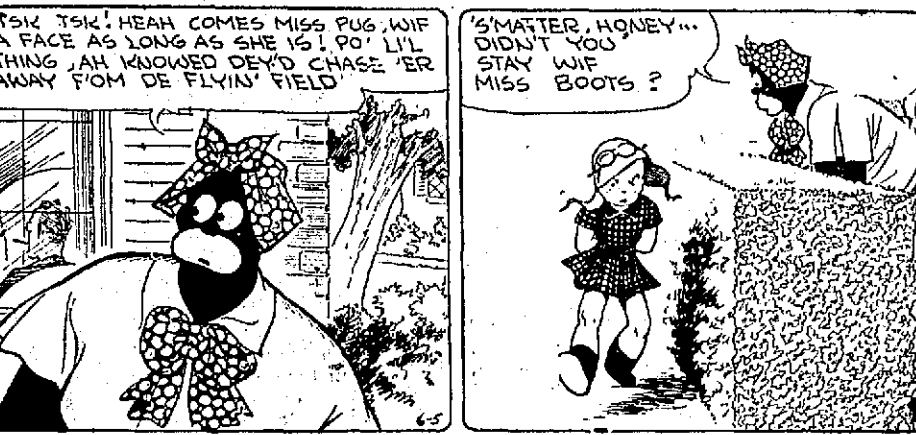
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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

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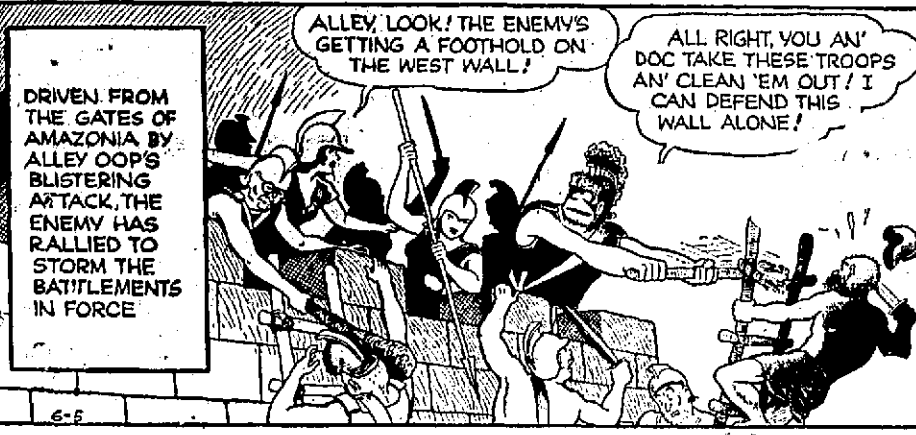
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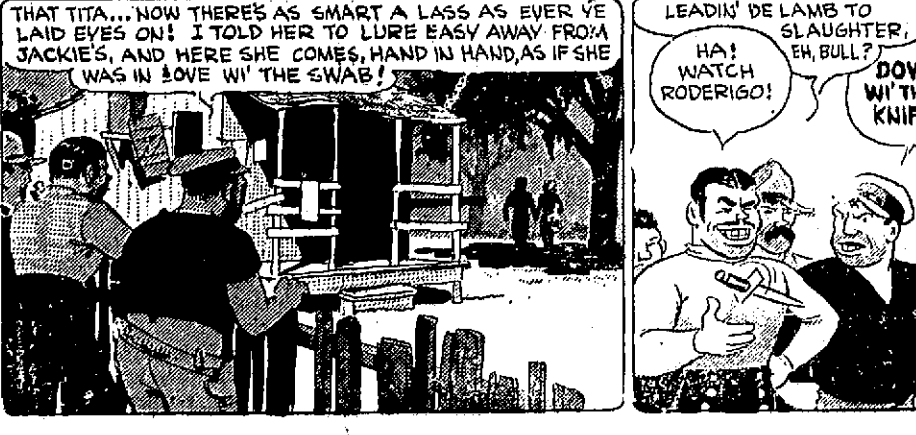
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WASH TUBBS

A Traitor

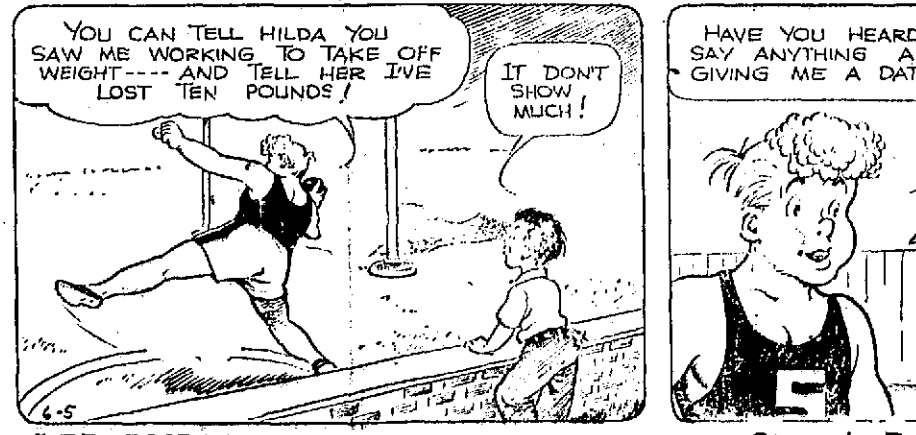
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FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

Strange Talk

By Merrill Blosser



RED RYDER

Sisterly Devotion Forgotten

War Heaps Sorrow on Tragic King

First His Queen's Death, Now Defeated by War

Capitulation to the Germans climaxed a long series of tragedies for Leopold, Belgian king. Milton Brenner, dean of European correspondents, writes Leopold's story.

By MILTON BRONNER

NEA Service Staff Correspondent LONDON — In a world war in which there are already just about one million tragedies, one of the most tragic figures of all is the lonely, handsome, hard-working, conscientious Leopold Third, King of the Belgians. No head of a state and no monarch has had so many sorrows as have been crowded into his 39 years of life.

Back in 1914, he was, at 13, a happy school-boy at famed Eton College in England. Came the World War. The Germans invaded his country. The young prince raced home to be with his parents. The late King Albert stayed with his troops. He sent his eldest son and heir into the trenches as a common soldier. This lasted for six months. Said the king:

"I want him to know what the life of a soldier in real war is like and to feel the sting of blisters on his hands."



His Queen's death aged Leopold. . . For years he was not known to smile.

After that experience the boy joined his father's staff. He saw the heart-break of the Belgian retreat until his small father land was overrun, except one small segment.

Then came the sudden and unexpected crash of the Germans in November, 1918.

Prince Leopold had the joy of riding back with his father at the head of the war-worn troops, back into Brussels, once more the capital of a free country.

Not so very long after, King Albert with his queen and his eldest son paid a visit to the United States.

The king had the privilege of being the first reigning monarch ever to address the United States Senate. Queen Elizabeth, regal in royal red and ermine, sat in the distinguished

Dizzy Dean Goes to Minors Wednesday

CHICAGO — Dizzy Dean turns his back on the "big time" Wednesday and heads back to the Texas League, from where he emerged less than a decade ago to become the National League's most eccentric figure and one of its greatest pitchers.

Leo "Gabby" Hartnett, manager of the Chicago Cubs and Dean's catcher for the last two years, announced that Dean will join the Tulsa, Okla., club. There Dean, now 28, will attempt a "noble experiment"—he will try to perfect a side-arm delivery to replace his famous "fireball," lost when he was injured in 1937.

Hartnett also announced that his other sore-arm pitcher, big lay Bryant, had been placed under suspension and would go to Los Angeles for treatment at his own expense.

Bruner Softball Team Beats Oilers

2 Games Are Scheduled at Fair Park Wednesday

The Bruner-Ivory team won over the Magnolia Oilers of Texarkana in a close game Tuesday night with a score of 6 to 4. The Magnolia team had a much better team this time than they had ever had before but the Bruner team was just a little too good for them.

The Magnolia team defeated the El Dorado Lions Monday night by a score of 9 to 5 and the strong Hope team gave them a much better game than the El Dorado team. Ferguson, Bruner's number one pitcher was in tip top condition and made the Texarkana team swing wild as they went down.

An effort is being made to get the Rosehill Sports here for a game Thursday night. The Sports gave Bruner one of their best games when they came here last week.

The Bruner team will go to Warren Monday night, June 10, and the El Dorado Lions will come to Hope on Thursday night June 13, for a double-header.

The games Wednesday night will begin at 7:30 with Brookwood Grocery playing CCC team and McRae Millers playing the Brookwood Grocery.

visitors' gallery. Leopold sat on the floor of the Senate, raptly looking at his father.

When he returned to Belgium, Leopold became a student at the University of Ghent. Later, to fit himself for the kingship some day, he traveled around the world and for six months studied colonial administration in his country's African colony of the Congo.

In 1926 he married the woman of his choice, the beautiful Princess Astrid of the Swedish royal family. There were two children, Josephine, born in 1927, and Prince Baudouin, born in 1930. Life seemed to smile upon the young heir.

Then in February, 1934, while on a holiday in Switzerland, he was called to the telephone at 4 in the morning and greeted by the premier as king. His father had been killed while mountaineering near Namur.

Leopold returned to be crowned as king and another domestic joy came to him, his second son Albert being born in June, 1934. But fate had another hard blow for him. In August, 1935, once more he went on holiday to Switzerland. He was driving with his queen near Lucerne. They went to study a road map, the car skidded and Queen Astrid was killed instantly.

The tragedy aged Leopold. It almost killed him. He was heartbroken. For years he was not known to smile. His face was a mask of sadness. He threw himself more than before into the education of his children and into the government of his country.

When Hitler marched his troops into the Rhineland, in defiance of the Versailles Treaty, King Leopold sensed the danger.

He at once declared that Belgium was allied with no country and assumed its complete independence and neutrality.

But this did not save his little land. Once more the Germans have overrun it.

Travelers Snap Losing Streak

Bill Sayles Limits New Orleans to Seven Hits

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Shattering their losing streak of four straight, the Little Rock Travelers came from behind to defeat the New Orleans 4 to 1, here Tuesday night. It squared the series.

With Bill Sayles pitching seven-hit ball, the Travelers finally got to Al Sherer, knocking the right-hander out of the box in the eighth inning with a three-run splurge. Sherer had held the visitors to two hits. Don Slate relieved.

Willie Duke and Tommy Reed paced Little Rock's 11-hit assault with three each.

Fred Walters' error enabled the Pelicans to threaten mildly in the ninth. With two away, Moschetti safe when the Travelers pitched under his pop in front of the plate. Then Bruner singled to center. Don Slate struck out Sherer for the final out.

The teams and the series here Wednesday night.

THE STANDINGS

Southern Association			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Nashville	30	14	.682
Memphis	26	19	.576
Atlanta	27	22	.551
Chattanooga	24	24	.500
Birmingham	21	25	.458
Little Rock	21	27	.437
New Orleans	21	29	.420
Knoxville	19	29	.396

Tuesday's Results
Chattanooga 8, Knoxville 3.
Three night games.

Games Wednesday
Little Rock at New Orleans.
Atlanta at Nashville.
Chattanooga at Knoxville.
Memphis at Birmingham.

National League			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Cincinnati	25	12	.676
Brooklyn	24	11	.686
New York	22	13	.625
Chicago	19	22	.462
Philadelphia	14	24	.366
St. Louis	14	22	.389
Pittsburgh	12	21	.364
Pittsburgh	12	22	.353

Tuesday's Results
New York 5, Cincinnati 4.
Chicago 12, Philadelphia 4.
Two night games.

Games Wednesday
Boston at Pittsburgh.
Brooklyn at St. Louis.
New York at Cincinnati.
Philadelphia at Chicago.

American League			
Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Texas	24	12	.667
Boston	24	13	.647
Cleveland	23	13	.641
Detroit	22	17	.564
New York	21	19	.524
Chicago	19	21	.475
Washington	18	25	.419
Philadelphia	16	23	.410
St. Louis	15	25	.375

Tuesday's Results
Washington 7-2, Cleveland 2-0.
Chicago 7, New York 3.
St. Louis 5, Boston 2.
Philadelphia 8, Detroit 6.

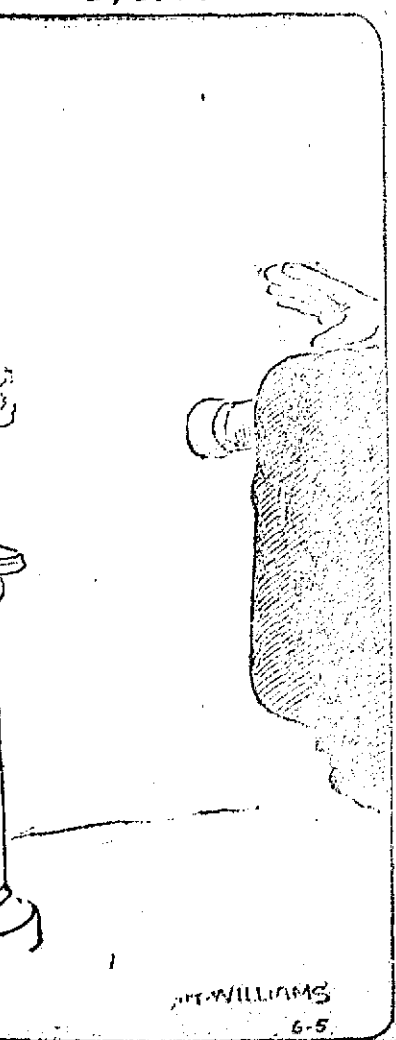
Games Wednesday
Chicago at New York.
Cleveland at Washington.
Detroit at Philadelphia.
St. Louis at Boston.

Exceeded Only By

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African empire without the loss of a single French soldier. Also French soldiers have been sent from the mother country to various strategic points in the French empire. French war vessels have sailed with the British in the job of guarding British troopships across the French Channel.

By J. R. Williams



THE QUICK CHANGER

Face-to-Face



200-Mile Line in

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pay before the fight will be carried to his final destruction." It spoke of the great battle of Flauders as the last and declared Allied losses to be paid for by Germany. The announcer said German losses of officers and men would only be 10,000.

On the other hand, listening post transmission of Allied losses as taken in New York was slightly different from the one given by the N. B. C. list. General G. B. S. said "losses of the British, French, Netherlands and Belgium in prisoners captured were more than 125,000 men. To this must be added the number of killed and injured. This number was not given."

The statement followed: "The great battle is finished. On the 16th the great military strategy was launched to pierce the Allied frontlines in the direction of Namur in preparation for the complete annihilation of the Allied forces."

"Covered by the unity of the German nation and by the fortitude of the German army this campaign has now been brought to a successful conclusion."

For a long time during the past, German had been with certainty in the Allies were planning an invasion of the four industrial districts. It was then that Germany launched her surprise attack on the four districts in order to offset and delay the Allied strategy. We achieved our purpose through the magnificent cooperation of the air force, the army, naval powers and all other arms under the unified command of Field Marshal Hitler.

The Army of the River Maas was reached and the fortifications of the Dutch French Army were reached in an extraordinary manner. On the next day, even the result of the fact that the German divisions, supported by the German air force, could not be held by any army of the Allied forces.

The German military achievement of all times was accomplished when Germany after a surprisingly short time was able to establish main battle fronts along the rivers Aisne and Meuse.

Mayer Atkins Is

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The city council passed a motion to give the license fee collected from the C. W. Mayer, \$100,000, to the police department for the purpose of buying supplies.

The police department was instructed to work with the board of public safety to secure the new equipment for the police department. The equipment to be submitted to the council for approval.

One and Police Reports

The following are police reports

Number of the items—4.

Number of items on buildings—\$20.

Number of items on contents—\$20.

Number of items on car—\$200.

Number of items on other officers—9

Number of items on other officers—25

Number of items on other officers—3

Number of items on other officers—9

Number of items on other officers—0

Number of items on other officers—2

Number of items on other officers—2

Number of items on other officers—41

Number of items on other officers—41

Number of items on other officers—41

Number of items on other officers—41

Number of items on other officers—41

Common Courtesy in Playing Radio

Fun for You, Be Sure It's Fun for Neighbor

AP Feature Service
Listening to the radio is fun for you. But do you ever think about how it sounds to the neighbors, especially when you turn it on loud so you can hear it while you're getting breakfast?

There may be someone next door where job keeps him working part of the night. An extra half-hour sleep in the morning is impossible for him if your radio is screeching. Some of us get used to a loud radio and don't realize the din it creates next door.

There's a comparatively new thing called a magnified echo—that comes from the powerful radio or phonograph. It's a matter of thoughtless adjustment of the tone. That thumping, rattling sound is often enough to spoil conversation and concentration as well as sleep.

Maybe there are others guilty of another careless habit, but it's father who is getting a lot of blame for annoying his own family. He sits by the radio to read his paper or book and lets the radio go on, never trying to regulate the tone or decrease the volume.

Hempstead's Red

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Team	W.	L.	Pct.
Dan Carr	25	10	.714
Troy Polk	25	10	.714
Westley Martin	25	10	.714
L. H. Rogers	25	10	.714
C. L. Jones	25	10	.714
Larry Hopson	25	10	.714
Arthur Robinson	25	10	.714
Alanzo Moss	25	10	.714
W. H. Brasher	25	10	.714
Thomas Hopkins	25	10	.714
Nedden Stagers	25	10	.714
T. M. Cornell	25	10	.714
Henry Criner	25	10	.714

nounced, but was reported to be 16 to 9, with nine members voting present. One Republican was said to have joined 15 Democrats in voting for the increase while nine Republicans abstained from balloting.

Republican members issued a statement complaining they lacked "sufficient" information as to how the money would be used. They also wanted to know whether the proposed increases were sufficient "to meet present conditions." They demanded "assurances that administrative expenses of the government will be substantially reduced," and that "no part of the emergency defense fund will be used for ordinary expenses of the government."

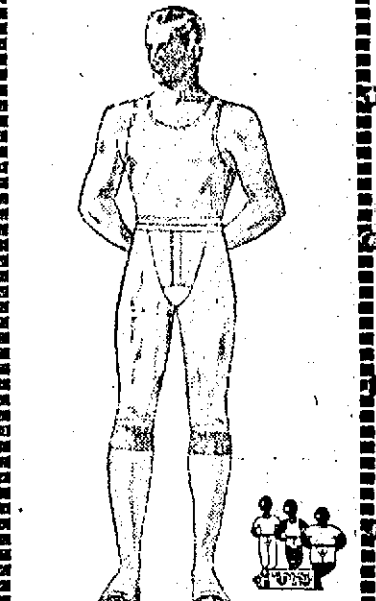
Chairman Doughton announced the committee had agreed to raise "at least" sufficient taxes to pay off the \$1,000,000,000 debt increase in five years. A revenue bill of approximately \$850,000,000, he said, would be sufficient to pay this debt.

The committee vote was not announced.

Elbet Smith	50
Ben Torrence	25
Robert Alexander	25
Willie Walker	25
A. G. Stagers	25
Otis Yeager	25
E. H. Shaw	25
J. M. Shaw	25
Walter Joe	25
Luke Muldrow	1.00
Toney Lagrone	25
Odel Hood	25
Emanuel Hood	25
Carroll Ellis	25
Aaron Smith	25
Eugene Stagers	25
Willie Pennington	25
John Walton	1.00
A. F. Reynolds	25
W. H. Gunter	1.00
J. A. Gunter	1.00
Grand Total	\$805.11

"Tacoma" is an Indian word meaning "highest," or "near heaven."

It's News!



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Skilled Labor Is First U. S. Defense

Union Restrictions Handicap Silled Work Needs

By THOMAS M. JOHNSON
NEA Service Military Writer

WASHINGTON — As the Germans drive deeper into France and the unexcelled preparedness of the attacking forces is revealed, those responsible for American defenses are waiting with increasing anxiety for further unfolding of the President's plans for expenditure of the \$1,182,000,000 to be voted by congress.

No specific program has yet been advanced and steps are lacking to date in the most important direction—this being organization for industrial production. To prepare, the President has asked for something over a billion dollars, but half that money will be spent on labor and will not take substance in the form of ships, airplanes and guns. Even with proper organization, equipment will not begin to be delivered for nearly six months.

Army and navy men believe that we need to work day and night in shipyards, factories, foundries—making more ships, planes, weapons and supplies. We cannot permit any industrial power to gain foothold in the western hemisphere. The war has demonstrated that air power makes this too dangerous.

Production Is the Crux

To defend ourselves today, we have: A one-ocean navy for a two-ocean danger.

A pint-sized army with gill-sized equipment.

Air forces too small, partly disorganized, under-equipped.

In modern war, equipment is half the battle. But equipment orders placed today mean delivery in one to two years—if we stick to peacetime methods. We have just finished ordering semi-automatic rifles enough for the whole army by peacetime methods we would have them all—in spring 1942.

The crux of it all is production. We are faced with the possibility of having to compete with totalitarian slave-driving.

Experts agree we should whip out joint Army and Navy Board into a smaller, more effective means of co-ordinating our defense strategy. This smaller board should study, with civilian help, whether the air forces need greater freedom.

A joint committee of the least political and most able senators and congressmen should investigate our defense needs in all possible contingencies and congress should see that they are met.

A chosen few leaders of science, industry and business should be drafted immediately into a Defense Production Council to co-ordinate and hasten buying or making weapons and equipment.

More Skilled Labor Is Needed

We must solve the fundamental problem that capital and labor cannot produce equipment quickly under present conditions. Some manufacturers have refused defense orders that involved plant expansion, increased payrolls and small profits. Many believe government must guarantee plant expansion and new plants especially in the middle west, safer from bombing.

More skilled labor is needed, and here arises the problem of union restrictions and non-moralizing crafts, such as cannon-boring, lens-making and, most serious, airplane engine-making. Some say munitions labor is working at half capacity. Organized labor says enough mechanics are available, but the War Department favors starting national training schools. There is talk of using the WPA and CCC.

A small committee of capital and labor should survey this important field, then, if need be, re-examine the wages and hours act. Some defense leaders favor an immediate 48-hour week for skilled labor.

Some of the best-informed believe the real need is day and night work everywhere, aviation especially. The navy is asking it already on shipbuilding. To supply sufficient tools, the machine-tool industry—now expanding rapidly on allied orders—should be given whatever encouragement is needed.

There is a shortage of materials for the manufacture of what we need in war but do not produce in sufficient quantity. These are: tin, tungsten, manganese, and quinac; rubber, nickel, mercury, semiconductors, optical glass and quartz crystals. The Army Industrial College says we need \$100,000,000 worth of these materials for a one-year war. For two or three years, we need \$370,000,000 worth. The President plans to spend, all told, \$220,000,000.

We can get these things from abroad only while the oceans are still open to us.

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National Defense Commission Meets



President Roosevelt meets with his National Defense Commission for the first time. Left to right: Ralph Budd, Edward R. Stettinius, William S. Knudsen, Harriet Elliott, Leon Henderson, Chester C. Davis, and William H. McElvaine, secretary to the commission. Sidney Hillman, another member, was unable to attend the White House conference due to sickness.

Crossett, Mill Workers Strike Late Tuesday

CROSSETT, Ark. (AP)—The Carpenters and Joiners Union (AFL) Local No. 2590 called a strike late Tuesday at the mill of the Crossett Lumber company, resulting in a shutdown of operations affecting approximately 850 employees.

The strike was called in protest of the company's refusal to sign a contract which embodied a closed shop clause. Contract negotiations have been under way several weeks. The union voted last week to strike but postponed the walkout pending further conferences during which company officials and union spokesmen failed to agree.

SERIAL STORY

AN EYE FOR A GAL BY HARRY HARRISON KROLL

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CHAPTER III

ROSSY McAfee, listening to his sweetheart from the vantage of the dark head of the stairs, wanted to laugh and swear at the same time. He was shocked at sight of Hannah Shriver; he had never before thought of her as uncouth. Dr. Tolliver and Judy listened politely.

"Well, of course," Dr. Tolliver was saying, in his quiet way, "you no doubt can do as well as Rossy. But—"

"I know, father!" Judy cried. "Mrs. Patterson said, just this afternoon, that the Kingsley girl who waited table in the dining hall had not come yet, and she heard indirectly she was married and wouldn't come back to school."

Judy turned to Hannah. "You could wait table, couldn't you? You could then have the other girl's room and place. Otherwise I'm afraid we're filled."

"Can't I see Rossy McAfee?"

"I don't think he's come in yet. I'll tell him you're here and send him over to see you when he comes."

ROSSY, still shocked, and ashamed because he felt this way, slipped back along the hall. Instead of going into his room, he crept down the back stairs and into the yard. He saw Dr. Tolliver and Hannah, two dark figures, going through the dusk of the campus. Then, as if coming in from the gym, he entered the front door. Judy, reading under the lamp, smiled at him.

"You had a caller."

"Who?"

"You'd never guess. Some one very dear to you."

"Maw?"

"Guess again."

"Cousin Steve Hogg?"

"Cold, cold as ice."

Rossy shook his head. "Couldn't guess then. Tell me."

"Your own sweetheart, Hannah Shriver, and she's pretty, too; and I'll bet she's smart as anything. She's coming to college. Dad's just taken her to the girls' cottage. Right after supper, you're to go there and see her."

"Land sakes!" Rossy said, feigning surprise the best he could. "What do you know about that?"

DR. TOLLIVAR, returning in a quarter of an hour, said Hannah was fixed up, and then sat down to supper. As soon as supper was over, he went back up through the dark to the cottage which housed the maids and waitresses. Hannah was waiting anxiously in the little parlor, and when Rossy entered she flung her arms around his neck and almost choked him with kisses.

"Rossy! I just had to come! I had to. I sold my calves and shotes and heifers and taken my canning club prize money, and here I am. If you can come to college, I can come too. All right—say something nasty, and I'll smack your ears back!"

"My heavens, Hannah!" Rossy said helplessly, and dropped on the couch. He examined Hannah. She had got out of her baggy coat and into a nice dress, and she looked comely enough. Her hair was honey, like taffy made with honey and thick maple syrup. She had the gaunt fashion of all hill folk—the spare body, the tempered muscles, of those who work.

"You ought not to come here, Hannah. I mean, without first looking after a room and board and things—why, they might not even let you in college after you got here!"



Illustrated by Carol Johnson.

Hannah threw her arms around his neck, almost choked him with kisses. "I had to come to college, Rossy! If you can get educated, I can too!"

"Who's to keep me out, Rossy McAfee?"

"Well, there's rules and regulations—"

"If they didn't keep you out, they wouldn't me. I know what's ailing you. You don't want me here. You're ashamed of me already."

"Now, Hannah—"

"Yah," she sneered, "I done heard about you! I got it straight. You came on ahead of time. Put up at the big gun's place. With that Tolliver. Yes, I heard all about it. They set you up among the high-and-nights. They said that girl was good-looking, and she is. They said you'd be took in by their mean-mouthed ways, and here it's less than a week and they were right—"

Already warm with anger, Rossy demanded, "Who's they? How come all this here palaver is already being told back up to Hell-in-Damnation?" He was mystified, wondering how news of this sort could travel so far and so quickly.

"Yah!" his sweetheart sneered. "Wouldn't you like to know!"

"I think you've been in here snooping and telling lies to yourself. All right, you're here. You're a graduate of the same high school as me, and they'll take you in. But you've got to study here. I've found that out, talking with the seniors. You've got to fix your self up, to, if you aim to stay."

"How come I ain't fixed up all right? I'm fixed up as good as you. You ain't much else than a pop-up foul ball, at that—"

"Ah, is that so?"

"Steve Hogg told me you was uppity and bigoted, and he was right to—"

"So it was Steve Hogg that told you all this! How come Steve knows so much?"

"He's been here, if you've got to know!"

"Steve Hogg been here? And didn't see me? How come? What's the idea? Is—that hillbilly trying to spy on me? Coming down here and looking things over and going right back and stuffing your car full! The low-down—"

"You can call your blood kin low-down if you want, but you shore ain't paying a high compliment to your own self, Rossy McAfee!"

U. S. Envoy Handles Foreign Embassies

State Department Burns Lots of Midnight Oil

By JACK STINNETT

WASHINGTON — For weeks there hasn't been a night that midnight oil hasn't been burning in the gray, ramshackle Department of State building.

The 44-hour week has become more than twice that for many officials and a lot of their underlings. Foreign relations must be kept intact. Scenes abroad change swiftly. Raise your finger from the world's pulse one moment and the hint of a new and vital flux may be lost.

But if you think Secretary Hull's boys in the home office of American citizens are over-worked, pity the men in the field, sweating over the new problems that a war means.

Besides their regular duties they are working for the Allies. In Berlin, Brussels, The Hague, Copenhagen and Oslo, the United States embassies or legations have been authorized to handle all the business of Great Britain, France, Canada and Australia, and in some instances that of Belgium, Luxembourg, New Zealand, South Africa and Egypt.

Courtesy Doesn't Pay

This is all a matter of international courtesy. Nations who have gotten themselves into a mess can't pay, a dime for the labor expended in their behalf, although they do make an honest effort to defray all cash outlays involved.

The first obligation generally is seen that the representatives of the nation represented get safely out of the country.

For example, when Hitler crashed through Holland and Belgium, it was our legation at The Hague and embassy in Brussels which assisted the French and British representatives in getting safe passage home.

In September, 1939, when England finally tugged down the glove, Alexander Kirk, United States chargé d'affaires, helped Sir Neville Henderson, the British ambassador, get his "30 men, seven women and two dogs" onto the sealed train that carried them to the Dutch border.

Next, United States representatives take over the records of departing officials, make the United States seal on the buildings left behind, and settle down to try to straighten out the problems left in their hands.

We're the Mouthpiece

Not the least of these is the business of transmitting messages between countries that no longer speak to each other. When Belgium wanted to notify Germany that Brussels was an open city—that is, unfortified and not subject to bombing—the whole business was transmitted through the U. S. embassy. The Belgium state department passed the word along to the U. S. embassy in Berlin, and from there it went to the Nazi state department in the form of a formal note. The answer was passed back.

On the other hand, Germany warns Antwerp that, unless she surrenders immediately, the city will be considered a military objective, subject to the worst that the Nazis have to offer. This word goes through the American embassies and the answer is handed back to Berlin.

So, if one of our European diplomatic staff members rises up during his two hours of sleep and shouts "to hell with the Nazis," I think the Germans should understand—and how at least as deeply as Sir Neville Henderson.

Uncle Dan Beard Has Forgiven All

Forgives U. S. Naval Academy for Rejection

AP Feature Service

SUFFERN, N. Y. — "Uncle Dan" Beard, one of the founders of the Boy Scouts of America, isn't training any more for a meeting with "certain young naval officers."

Now that he's getting ready to be 90 years old on June 21, Uncle Dan is happy about the whole thing. It started with his crooked index finger, which kept him from passing a physical examination for entrance at the U. S. Naval Academy.

Uncle Dan points the crooked finger as he tells the story:

"I went to Gideon Welles, then secretary of the navy. He just tossed a rifle at me, bayonet fixed. I caught it so naturally, that he patted me on the back, zipped me through the manual of arms, and wrote out an order to pass me in my physical examinations."

"But this was over the heads of academy authorities."

Uncle Dan now believes the academy officers tried to confuse him into failure. He says they asked him to spell "sep-ER-ate." He spelled it like that. He lost the appointment.

"Well, I learned to lift 750 pounds in a gymnasium. I could raise a 100-pound dumbbell; I learned to box. I felt it would be a sorry day for three young naval professors if I ever met them."

Now, he's happy he did spell it "sep-ER-ate."

"If I hadn't, I would probably be a retired admiral, away from the ship I love, sitting home chewing my finger-nails—and not the National Boy Scout Commissioner who had the opportunity to spend my life as the champion of our splendid boys."

Uncle Dan is an artist who once illustrated Mark Twain's books, and who still regularly draws illustrations for the Scout's magazine. During June the Library of Congress will have an exhibition of Beard's illustrations.

In Copenhagen, Denmark, street car conductors give you a ticket to remind you to pay next time if you have no money to pay your fare. Must people remember.

Dutchess of Unlucky Luxembourg



There is no riding in the streets of Luxembourg today for the Grand Duchess Charlotte, above, and her prince consort, Felix. This picture was taken last year when the duchess celebrated a century of tiny Luxembourg's independence.

Bruce Catton Says:

Private Airlines Feel Squeeze of Military Aviation

By BRUCE CATTON
NEA Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Expansion of the nation's military air force has begun to put the squeeze on the commercial air lines.

Because the army and navy are taking every qualified flyer they can lay their hands on, good air line pilots are hard to get these days. The commercial aviation business is expanding just as the army and navy air forces are—but the government gets first call on the supply of pilots, and the supply is very definitely limited.

Once no major air line would even consider a job application from a pilot who could not show at least 1,000 hours in the air. Today a man with 500 air-hours is likely to get work quickly.

That doesn't mean that the air lines are entrusting their transport planes to less capable men; it does mean they have had to go pretty extensively into the pilot-training business themselves, and the 500-hour pilot will get weeks or months of flying in company training plane before he is made a co-pilot on a regular run.

Uncle Sam Used to Train Airline Pilots

In the old days when army and navy air forces sailed comfortably along, the great service flying schools were in effect training stations for the air lines. Interested in building up a reserve and also in fostering civilian aviation, the army and navy had no objection to seeing some of the best graduates of the flying schools sign up with the air lines.

Today the graduates have to stick with the services. So the great source for the air lines is cut off, despite the fact that the service schools are graduating 200 pilots every six weeks these days, as compared with 200 a year a short time ago.

In one sense the air lines are completely subservient to the army and navy, in the event of war.

Between 60 and 75 per cent of the 1196 air line pilots in the nation are members of either the army or navy air reserve corps. In peace time, members of the reserve cannot be

called to the colors without their consent; in war, or in time when the President has proclaimed a national emergency, they can be called by calling all of these reserves into the government's service, in a big round-up of the nation's air pilots.

Private Airlines Not Likely to Suffer in War

Nobody is worrying too much over this possibility, however. The army and navy consider the air line pilots as a highly trained and valuable industry, which probably would have to be maintained and possibly even expanded in time of war. As one high army officer puts it:

"We wouldn't be any more likely to pull the air line pilots back into the service than we would be to take engineers off the crack transportation trains and put them to work running switch engines on military tracks."

One aeronautical proposal which leaves the service people almost completely cold is the suggestion that flyers be formed into some sort of auxiliary defense corps, to function in war time so that men could be freed for combat duty. The answer to that is there are today only 30 women flyers in the United States with commercial ratings. Until there are a lot more than that, the projected auxiliary won't draw much serious attention.

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America Must Expand Plants Greatly Before Even Starting to Build 50,000 Planes

By JOHN T. FLYNN
NEA Service Financial Writer

Can we build 50,000 planes and if we can, how long will it take us?

Last June when the government projected building 10,000 planes, leading aviation engineers estimated we could build them with our capacity at that time. But since that time we have expanded our air capacity 40 per cent. So we can assume we could build 14,000 planes.

But that expanded capacity—working two shifts a day—is already used up, about 75 per cent producing the American planes already ordered and the planes ordered from Europe.

In other words, we have left only an unused capacity of 25 per cent and probably not that, to turn out these 50,000 planes in a year. This available 25 per cent of capacity applies only to airplane factories. There is practically no unused capacity in the engine and propeller factories.

It must be obvious, therefore, that before we can begin producing any important part of these planes we have to begin expanding our airplane plants. This means building new plants and building extensions of existing plants. Of course, the existing plants can go into a third shift. Conceivably that might increase production by 33 per cent, but the third shift does not actually do that.

It would actually add about 20 per cent to the production capacity of what we have.

Machine Tool Bottleneck
It takes time to build new plants and to build extensions to the old ones, but most difficult is the equipping of these plants with the machines necessary to build. The bottleneck in the whole aviation industry is the machine tool industry.

I have not been able to get reliable information on how long it would take airplane manufacturers to equip their plants with machines sufficient to raise their production capacity as much as 20 per cent, to say nothing of 200 per cent.

The war in Europe has suddenly imposed a tremendous burden on our machine tool industry. Existing plants are running day and night and old, long unused plants are being brought into production. Orders placed now by companies for machine tools in many cases are accepted only for delivery at the end of this year.

Business Increase Seen
In the light of these circumstances it is a fairly reasonable view of this situation that no important part of the President's 50,000 airplanes can be delivered to the army and navy this year.

We must not assume from this that this program, if it is pressed vigorously will not result in increased business, because, first of all, it will demand the building of the plants and tools, all of which, so far as business is concerned will be quite as beneficial as producing the planes themselves.

Beyond a doubt the first step in this gigantic program must be the investment of several hundred millions in plants and tools.

Poison Gas Will Soon Be in Use

"No Weapons Barred" Will Be the War Slogan

WASHINGTON—Capital in wartime: There are army men about who, off the record, will warn you: look out for poison gas; it won't be long now.

Indications are, they say, that the "gentleman's war" may develop any time now into the same old slugfest, with no weapons barred.

About two years after the beginning of World War I the Germans introduced poison gas at Ypres. But things move faster now. Hints are found in the flame-throwers and the use of liquid fire—as well as the charges from both sides that open cities are being bombed.

The number of brutal weapons, other than gas, used in the World War are too numerous to mention. Secretary of State Lansing had over the market-piece in his office, a collection of saw-edged, jagged, curly-cued bayonets, knives and bolos. There were wicked looking dirks, said to have been used by certain half-savage terrorists for scalping.

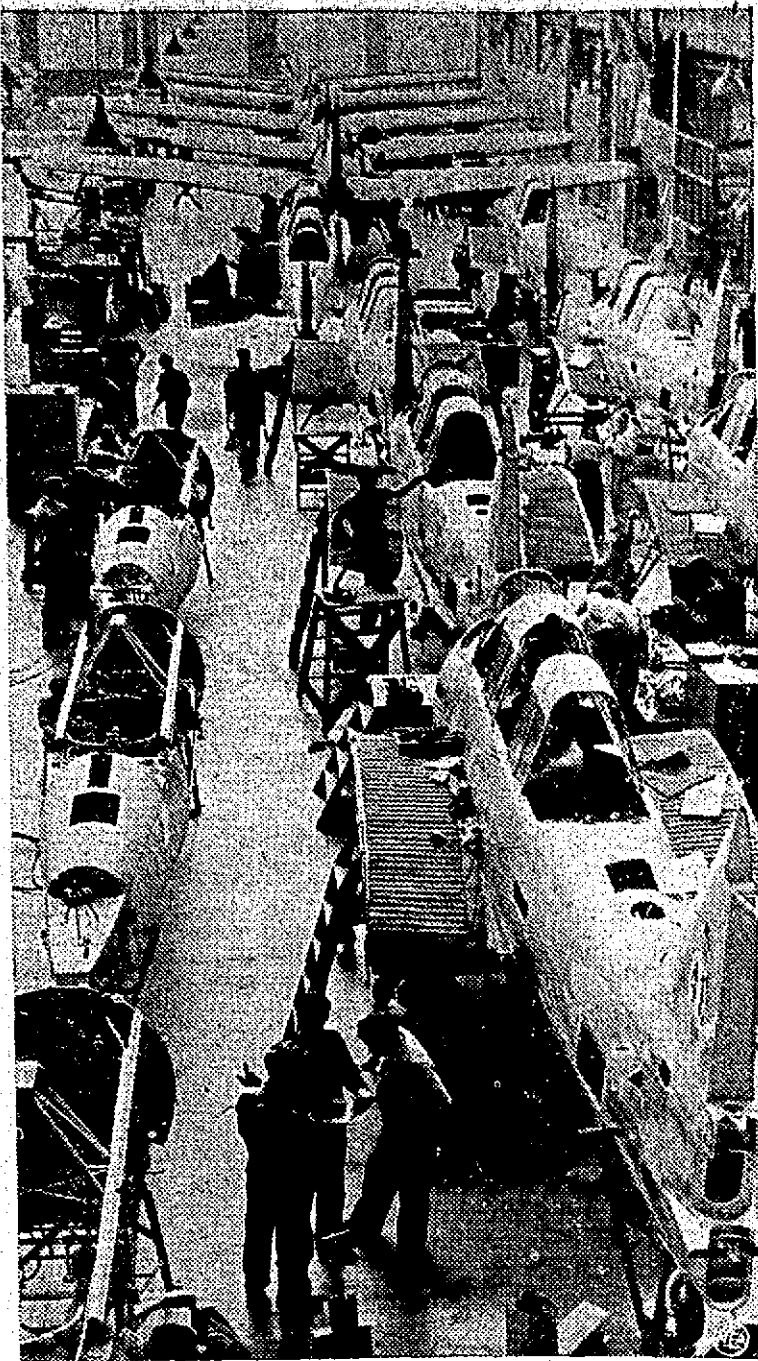
Army men here insist that the dum-dum bullet that plays out like a hand and then rips its way through flesh, was a myth—not because of its horror, but because it was impractical. It fouled the bores of rifles and was inaccurate.

Although army officials won't discuss it, the Americans had a few odd weapons of their own. One that drew a violent protest from the Germans was the saved-off, pump-action shotgun. At short range, it was brutal. Secretary Lansing's answer to the German protest was a scorching—something to the effect that what, in the face of the evidence, made them think they had any humanitarian rights.

Note to American Society of Undertakers: There have been plenty of long faces in Washington lately but the longest are the faces of the Republicans.

They are just as perturbed about conditions abroad as the Democrats and have the added misery of feeling that the crisis in American affairs is one of the most potent forces against them. Political sagas have been saying for months that the greatest factor in favor of President Roosevelt and the third term, or even of some one like Secretary Hull, if he were to be designated by the President to carry on, would be an increasingly critical situation in Europe.

Biographical note: French General Maxime Weygand, new "Mr. Big" of the Allied armies, was known during



How many months will be required for 50,000 warplanes to move down assembly lines such as this one in the North American Aviation Company plant near Los Angeles?

the World War as "The Shadow" of Marshal Foch.

A United States army officer recalls that when he was a military attaché abroad, he was in a conversation with the fiery little man. The talk got around to Weygand.

"Weygand?" said the marshal,

"Weygand, c'est moi." Short-lived story: All that talk about America's new "turtleback" battleships.

Secretary of the Navy Edison made his speech about putting heavy armor on the topsides of battleships to protect them from aerial bombs, and

HARRISON IN HOLLYWOOD

By PAUL HARRISON, NEA Service Correspondent

Press Agents Stage Reception for 'Ping Girl' Carole Landis Who Spurns It, Pings Publicity

HOLLYWOOD — The spurning by Carole Landis of the Ping Girl title is a reminder that the schemes of movie press agents these days are becoming as devious and complicated as Russian diplomacy.

Dorothy Lamour has been encouraged by Paramount to grumble aloud about her inescapable status as the Sarong Girl. Ann Sheridan never has been shushed by Warner's while protesting that she is tired of being the Cough Girl instead of an actress. Such negative tactics, the studios have found, serve to refocus the warring admiration of picture fans.

It may be that Carole Landis secretly regards herself as tomorrow's Bette Davis or Greta Garbo, but I doubt that she would mind resigning for awhile as Queen Cutie, the Wow Woman, Venus de Smilo, the Zing-Thing, the Whoeee-eee Girl or any other silly but sexpressive title. Besides, the ballyhoo boys at the Hal Roach factory now are engaged in exploiting the somewhat raucy aspects rather than the doubtful dramatic values of a picture called "Turnabout." And here's what happened:

Correspondents Invited to Ping Celebration

In their morning mail, many of the Hollywood correspondents received an invitation to a cock-tail guzzling at Ciro's in honor of Miss Landis, "America's selection for the title of the Ping Girl—because she makes you purr."

The correspondents got a sardonic chuckle from the sheer goo-finess of the stunt, but they did not immediately dash for type-writers and telegraph offices to uprise a war-worried world about Carole. Besides, they were a little annoyed by the inference that they, of all the people in America, had not been consulted about the choice of a Ping Girl. Quite a lot of them would have voted for Rita Hayworth.

So there were a lot of approving

immediately the fantasy boys started discussing streamlined men o' war as floating tents of steel. Then some one explained that the secretary was merely talking about heaving up deckside armor, removing damageable structure where possible, and increasing invulnerability of turrets.

Totalitarian humor: A Japanese was talking to a Nazi resident. "I understand that the German embassy is for sale."

"That's right," said the German. "What are you going to do?" asked the Japanese.

"Oh, hadn't you heard?" was the reply. "We are moving into the British Embassy."

nods next morning when a large, paid announcement signed by Miss Landis appeared in both local trade papers. It was phrased as an apology to the press and said that she would not be present at her own reception. It declared that she had never been consulted about the scheme and that she disapproved the title which was to have been conferred. This attitude was confirmed by subsequent telephone calls from embarrassed-sounding publicists who told everybody that the soiree at Ciro's had been canceled.

It was also made clear that Miss Landis had flounced into seclusion and was dictating letters to almost all the newspapers on the continent explaining that she was a fugitive from a leg-art career. She asked them not to print anything about the Ping Girl business and, pretty-please, to destroy all bathing-suit photos of herself.

Stunt Is Typical of More Monkey Business

Well—that made a story. I aim no criticism at those publications which have dragged out and printed leg and, or other physical-charm pictures of Carole Landis, together with stories about her struggle to maintain her dramatic integrity. Outsiders would have no reason to guess that press agents now are willing to pose as a bunch of clumps in order to gain their ends, and that they are able to persuade players to participate in their hoaxes. I just thought you'd like to know more about the behind-the-scenes monkey business that is always going on in Movieland.

State Composers and Authors Elect Heads

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. —(P)—The Arkansas Authors and Composers Society meeting here Tuesday elected Mrs. Grace Speer Flickinger, Little Rock, president succeeding Mrs. R. F. Milwee, Little Rock.

Other officers elected were Adolph Goldsmith, first vice president; Mrs. Eunice Lawrence Walker, second vice president; Mrs. Olive H. Nelson, recording secretary; Mrs. Deulah Sherwood Hagg, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Stella Payne Crow, treasurer; J. Eugene Matlock, auditor; Miss Averill Woodruff Reynolds, parliamentarian; Mrs. Ruby Walton, librarian; and Mrs. F. A. Stevens, historian. All are residents of Little Rock.

Approximately 8,759,700 acres of land in South Dakota are still termed "public domain."

WITH THE HOME AGENT Mary Claude Fletcher

Battlefield Club

The Battlefield Home Demonstration club met at the Home of Mrs. A. J. Smith, May 21st at 2 p. m.

The meeting was called to order by the president with 11 members and 2 visitors present.

The devotion was given by the hostess. She chose as her scripture the first 20 verses of the 5th chapter of St. Matthew. The Devotional was followed with a prayer by Mrs. Maggie Atkins.

The subject of the program was home grounds, and summer gardens. The program was led by Mrs. A. J. Smith and Miss Irma Smith.

The club elected two new leaders—Mrs. Ruby Atkins, Clothing Leader, and Mrs. Andrew Sinyard, reporter.

The club members gave the number of baby chickens hatched and the number of hens culled this season to the poultry leader.

At the conclusion of the recreation hour, the club adjourned to meet again on June 18th at the home of Mrs. Lera Turple.

Harmony Club

The Harmony Home Demonstration club met Monday afternoon, May 27th at the home of Mrs. Ray McWilliams. The house was called to order by

the president, Mrs. W. W. Wright. The song "Old Black Joe" was sung by the group, led by Mrs. Lorene Wright. The devotion was given by the hostess from St. John the 1st chapter, after which the Lord's Prayer was repeated in unison.

Minutes were read and approved. Members answered the roll by giving the number of chickens they had culled from their flock for better egg production. There were 4 visitors present of which 3 were 4-H club girls.

Mrs. Lem Porterfield reported \$10.55 was made at the community pie-supper which was used to buy supplies for the Community Stok Chest. The chest consists of 1 fountain syringe, 1 ice cap, 1 bed pan, 1 fever thermometer, 1 rubber sheet, 2 bleached sheets, 3 night gowns, 3 hand towels, 5 wash-cloths, 2 pair pillow cases and 2 unbleached sheets.

We voted to leave the chest in care of Mrs. Lem Thomas. Mrs. Thomas donated socks enough to make a bed spread for the chest and the club decided to meet and candle-wick the "read at the next club meeting in June.

The subject of the program was "The Enrichment of Farm Living" Mrs. Herman McMillen gave a talk on planting and caring for flowers and shrubs. The club women wore dresses made of Fertilizer socks with ritz and buttons for the trim.

The hostess served delicious refreshments which were enjoyed by everyone. The club sponsored a package sale

Drills in the Sea to Get Fresh Water

HOUSTON, Texas.—(P)—A water well was drilled five miles out in Galveston bay by the Humble Oil & Refining Company.

The company wanted the water for steam boilers at an oil test in the bay. It's easier to drill a well for fresh water than to extract salt from bay water.

at each meeting which is enjoyed and also adds money to the treasury. Mrs. Joe Daugherty was the lucky person to win the package this month. The meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. Joe Daugherty in June.

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